

## 2016 Swan Island Events

All events are \$8 per person; ages 5& under free; unless otherwise noted

All events meet at our Richmond parking area unless otherwise noted

*All events occurring on the Island require a reservation!*

Call 207-547-5322; email [Swan.Island@Maine.gov](mailto:Swan.Island@Maine.gov)

Space may be limited! [www.Maine.gov/swanisland](http://www.Maine.gov/swanisland)



### MAY

#### **Saturday May 21 Free Fishing for Kids 15 and Under!**

**Time:** 9am – 1pm **Space Limited:** First 30 people

**Fee:** Kids 15 and under are free!

Bring the kids for this great 'learn to fish' opportunity. All equipment, bait and tackle will be provided at no charge; and volunteer instructors will be on hand to assist. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

### JUNE

#### **Thursday June 2 Evening Island Tour**

**Time:** 6:30pm – 7:30pm **Space Limited:** First 20 people

Join Swan Island staff for an evening wildlife sightseeing tour to observe our abundant wildlife when they are more visible. Enjoy riding in our tour truck the length of the island through a variety of habitats. Dress for the weather & don't forget your binocs/camera!

#### **Saturday June 18 Lobster Bake with boat tour of Little Swan Island**

**Time:** 3:30pm – 6:30pm **Space Limited:** First 50 people

**Fee:** \$35 advance payment required. Minimum of 35 reservations required.

Bring the family out for some time on the water viewing Little Swan Island and then stop at the campground for a traditional lobster bake! Clams, lobster, corn, potato, salad, and desert. Dress for the weather, as it can be cooler and breezy on the water.

#### **Sunday June 19 Father's Day - FREE Admission for Maine Residents**

**Time:** All day on our four regularly scheduled ferry trips: 9am, 11am, 1pm, 3pm

**Fee:** Free!

The history of Swan Island and surrounding communities are deeply intertwined, creating a profound sense of appreciation by area residents and visitors. Now we want to invite you to come see what the island has to offer! Hopefully you will return to enjoy some paddling, camping, and hiking, right in your own backyard.

#### **Saturday June 25 Paddle Tour around Little Swan Island**

**Time:** 10:00am – 1:30pm

Bring your canoe or kayak to explore Swan Island while paddling the Kennebec River. This will be a great opportunity to see another perspective of the island and learn about the important wildlife interface between water and land. You might even see a prehistoric looking sturgeon leaping from the water! We will stop part way and have lunch at the campground.

This trip is suitable for beginners, but beware that the river is tidal, so portions of the trip could be "upstream" paddling. Be sure to have PFDs, paddles, canoe or kayak, lunch, water, bug spray, sunscreen, and binoculars/camera.

### JULY

#### **Saturday July 9 Boat Tour of Swan Island**

**Time:** 9am – 11am **Space Limited:** First 40 people

**Fee:** Free!

Come enjoy some time on the water as we explore the shores of Swan Island. Dress for the weather, as it can be cooler and breezy on the water. Bring your camera and/or binoculars! Seating for 32 people - but you can bring a chair.

#### **Saturday July 16 Lobster Bake with boat tour of Little Swan Island**

**Time:** 3:30pm – 6:30pm **Space Limited:** First 50 people

**Fee:** \$35 advance payment required. Minimum of 35 reservations required.

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#### **Saturday July 23 Swan Island takes part in Richmond Days Celebration**

**Time:** Ferry/truck tours at 11:15am, 1:15pm, 3:15pm and 5:15pm from mainland

**Fee:** \$5 per person. 5yrs & under free.

Each tour will leave the Swan Island landing in the island ferry and travel across the river for a 2 hour tour; returning directly to the dock. **The Tubbs-Reed house, filled with many artifacts, will be open to the public!**

Once back at the dock, you can join in many other Richmond Days festivities. Space is limited, so make sure you put your name on the list at the Friends of Swan island booth located in the Island parking lot. For more information on Richmond Days visit [www.richmondmaine.com](http://www.richmondmaine.com).

#### **Saturday July 30 Swan Island Family Field Day**

**Time:** 9am – 4pm with ferry rides beginning at 7:30am. Reservations needed!

Have you ever considered trying a new outdoor activity or sport? Perhaps you'd like your children to try something new. This is the day for the whole family to try out archery equipment, an ATV, a nature scavenger hunt, fishing, paddling, geocaching and more! We provide the instruction, gear, and space to help you and your child discover a new passion for the outdoors.

### AUGUST

#### **Saturday August 20 Lobster Bake with boat tour of Little Swan Island**

**Time:** 3:30pm – 6:30pm **Space Limited:** First 50 people

**Fee:** \$35 advance payment required. Minimum of 35 reservations required.

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#### **Saturday August 27 Morning Island Tour**

**Time:** 7:00am – 8:30am **Space Limited:** First 20 people

Join Swan Island staff for a morning sightseeing wildlife tour to observe the abundant wildlife when they are more visible. Enjoy riding in our tour truck the length of the island through a variety of habitats. Dress for the weather & bring your binocs/camera!

### SEPTEMBER

#### **Friday September 16 Historical Tour with Friends of Merrymeeting Bay I**

**Time:** 9:15am to 1:00pm **Space Limited:** First 40 people

Step back in time with Friends of Merrymeeting Bay (FOMB) on their ever-popular historical tour of Swan Island. FOMB member and Friends of Swan Island president, Jay Robbins, will lead the tour to the unique, isolated island.

We'll go by ferry around to the east side campground. Here we'll split into two groups of up to 20. One group will take the truck tour and other group will have programming at the boathouse. Then groups will switch.

We'll leave from campground just before 1:00pm to return to Richmond landing. Folks can bring a snack or lunch, or eat in Richmond upon return.

#### **Saturday September 17 Lobster Bake with boat tour of Little Swan Island**

**Time:** 3:30pm – 6:30pm **Space Limited:** First 50 people

**Fee:** \$35 advance payment required. Minimum of 35 reservations required.

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#### **Sunday September 18 Historical Tour with Friends of Merrymeeting Bay II**

**Time:** 3:30pm to 5:30pm **Space Limited:** First 40 people

**Fee:** Free!

Second opportunity for September 16<sup>th</sup> event but...this one will be a 2 hour narrated tour by water as we circumnavigate the island. Dress for the weather, bring an extra layer and bring your binocs/camera.

#### **Saturday September 24 Food Plots for Wildlife**

**Time:** 8:00am to 11:00am **Space Limited:** First 25 people

More and more folks are creating native and natural food plots for wildlife. Mainers interested in starting their own food plot are encouraged to attend this informative workshop. Come learn the prep, locating, seed selection, maintenance, and benefits of food plots specifically for deer and plots for general wildlife. Providing food and forage for our wildlife can be accomplished in many ways and be a great family project. This is one way to make a conscious effort to give back to the wildlife with whom we share our homes.

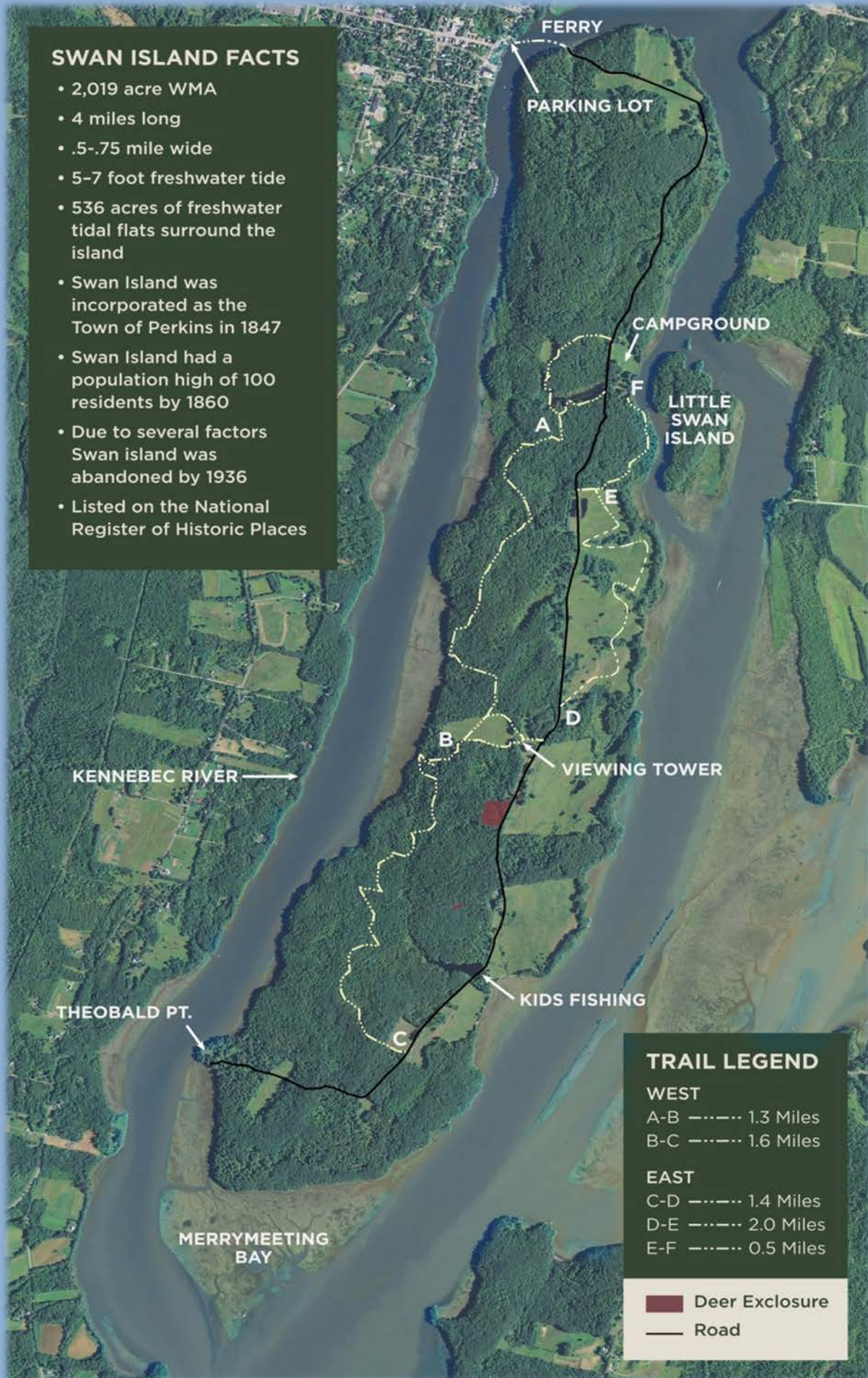
#### **Thursday September 29 Evening Island Tour**

**Time:** 6:30pm – 7:30pm **Space Limited:** First 20 people

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## SWAN ISLAND FACTS

- 2,019 acre WMA
- 4 miles long
- .5-.75 mile wide
- 5-7 foot freshwater tide
- 536 acres of freshwater tidal flats surround the island
- Swan Island was incorporated as the Town of Perkins in 1847
- Swan Island had a population high of 100 residents by 1860
- Due to several factors Swan island was abandoned by 1936
- Listed on the National Register of Historic Places



## TRAIL LEGEND

### WEST

A-B ..... 1.3 Miles

B-C ..... 1.6 Miles

### EAST

C-D ..... 1.4 Miles

D-E ..... 2.0 Miles

E-F ..... 0.5 Miles

■ Deer Exclusion

— Road